



2011 Tri-Regional TANF Director's Meeting

New Reporting Requirements Under the Claims Resolution Act of 2010

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New '812' Reporting Requirement

Under Claims Resolution Act, two new reporting requirements emerged:

- Participation information for those WEIs who did not count towards work participation rate (WPR)
- TANF spending for other non-assistance and authorized under prior law

Work Eligible Individuals (WEIs)

In March 2011, there were 1,276,633 WEI in 1.9 million families:

- 23.6%, or 301,285 WEIs met the WPR
- 52.3%, or 668,181 WEIs had zero hours of participation
- Remainder of WEIs, 307,167, had hours that were in countable or non-countable activities but not sufficient to meet the WPR

Breakout of WEIs

- **52.3% of WEIs had zero hours of participation (reported by 50 States)**
- **15.3% had insufficient hours to met WPR (50 States)**

Remainder

- 5.6% were WEIs with non-countable activity hours (33 States)
- 5.5% had hours that did not meet verification standard (26 States)
- 2.3% had hours past statutory time limits (32 States)
- 1.4% had unreported countable hours (16 States)

Zero Hours of Participation

(52.3% of all WEIs)

There were 15 reasons a WEI could have zero hours of participation. The top 5 reasons:

- 19.5% process of being sanctioned (reported by 45 States)
- 15.2% failed to engage (33 States)
- 13.6% other, State defined (36 States)
- 13.3% was disregarded from WPR (40 States)
- 12.3% State exempt due to disability/illness (39 States)

Insufficient hours to meet WPR (15.3% of all WEIs)

- Nearly half of those with insufficient hours were in the employment activity
- Job search/job readiness hours accounted for 18% of the hours that were insufficient. Many States do not report any hours in this activity if WEI doesn't meet WPR due to statutory limits

National Policy Implications

- Appears to be a number of differences in how States report this data
- Data reporting for this population could be standardized across States
- Low-tech solution - ACF could provide suggested definitions, guidelines or recommendations for standardizing this data for common ways to bucket this information

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Information taken from *Engagement in Additional Work Activities and Expenditures For Other Benefits and Services, March 2011:*

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ofa/data-reports/cra-report-to-congress/cra_report-to-congress.html